

Thefts in Railway Bogies

338. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thefts in Railway Bogies during transit are increasing;

(b) whether there is any plan to use temper free locks for each bogiy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No. Sir. There is no increase in theft from Railway Bogies (Wagons) over Railways.

(b) and (c) Adequate locking arrangement already exists on all covered wagons. After closing the doors, arrangement is available to seal the flaps and also pad lock the same, if required. The present locking system is considered adequate and at present there is no plan to adopt any other tamper free locking system.

(d) The existing locking arrangement is considered adequate. There is no possibility of pilferage if the wagon doors are locked and sealed properly besides ensuring requisite security during transit.

Rail Line Between Munirabad and Moradabad

339. SHRI S.R. BOMMAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all clearances have been given for a new Rail line between Munirabad and Moradabad approved by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about Rs. 50 crores were provided in the Railway Budgets for 1997-98 and 1998-99, for the purpose; and

(c) what is the progress made on this project and how much amount has been spent so far;